

allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that no Claims have been narrowed within the meaning of *Festo*.

A new Abstract is provided herewith.

A PTO 1449 listing references cited in the PCT application and the priority German application is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Entry of the new Claims and Abstract and early and favorable action on the merits of this application are respectfully solicited.

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